

### REMARKS

Prior to this Response, Claims 4, 6, 8-12, 14, 16 and 18-44 were pending in the application. No claims are added, and Claim 32 is canceled. Hence, Claims 4, 6, 8-12, 14, 16, 18-31 and 33-44 are presently pending in the application.

### RESTRICTION/ELECTION

The Action imposed a requirement of restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 4, 6, 8-12, 14, 16 and 18-37; and
- II. Claims 38-44.

In response to the restriction requirement, Group I, Claims 4, 6, 8-12, 14, 16 and 18-37 are elected, with traverse. Therefore, Group II, Claims 38-44 are withdrawn from examination.

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 18 is amended to correct grammar.

Claim 32 is canceled due to redundancy, and Claim 33 is amended to now depend from Claim 31 rather than Claim 32.

No new subject matter is introduced in the application by way of these amendments.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims currently under consideration (Claims 4, 6, 8-12, 14, 16, 18-31 and 33-37) present patentable subject matter over the references of record, and are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has questions regarding this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortages in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,  
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